

5-9 YEARS OLD



Introduction¹

Injury is the leading cause of death of Washington children 5-9 years old. During 1999-2001, injuries among Washington children 5-9 years old were responsible for an annual average of:

- 26 deaths.
- 537 hospitalizations.
- About 45,950 visits to a hospital emergency department, or about one out of every nine children 5-9 years old.

Summary

Injury is the leading cause of death for Washington State children 5-9 years old. Motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of injury-related death, and falls were the leading cause of injury-related hospitalization for this age group. The injury-related death rate for Washington children in this age group decreased by about 48 percent during 1981-2001.

¹ Unless otherwise specified, data are for injuries among children 5-9 years old during 1999-2001. Rates are per 100,000 children 5-9 years old who are Washington residents.

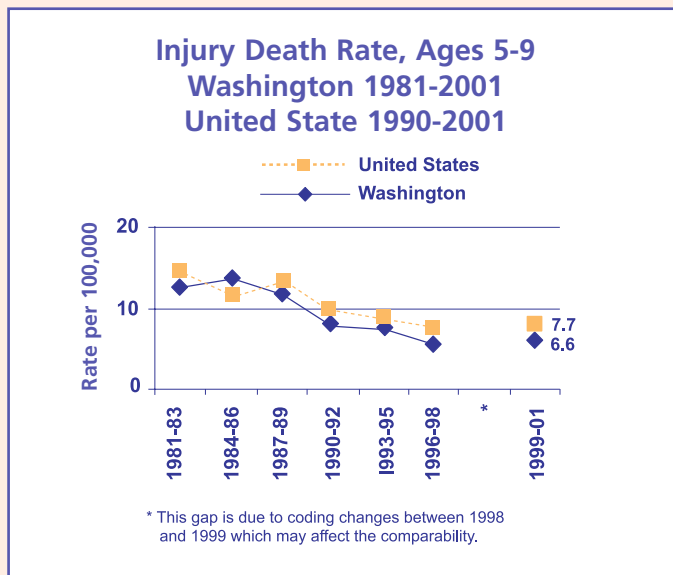
Time Trends²

From the three-year time period of 1981-83 to 1999-2001, the injury death rate for Washington children 5-9 years old declined significantly from 12.8 to 6.6 per 100,000. This represents about a 48 percent decrease in the injury-related death rate for this age group.

Injury death rates in Washington were slightly lower than national rates from the three-year time period of 1981-83 to 1999-2001.

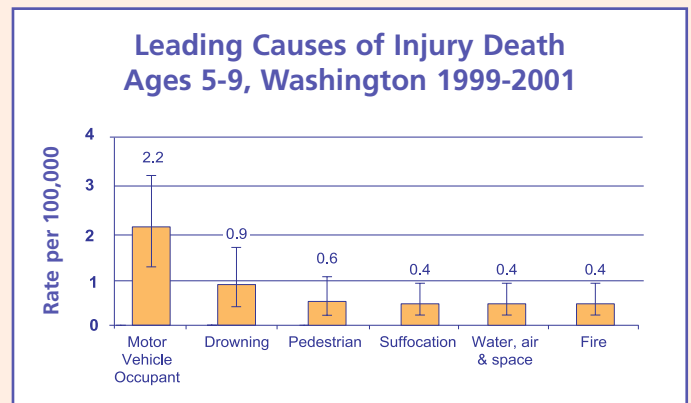
Intent

The majority of injury deaths (87 percent) and hospitalizations (99 percent) were unintentional.



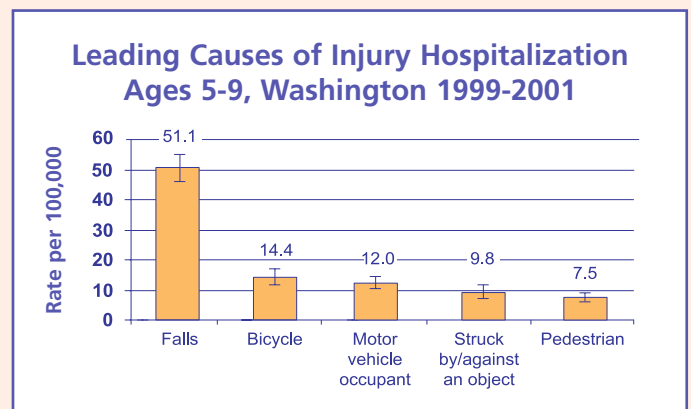
Leading Cause of Death³

Motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of injury-related death for Washington children 5-9 years old.



Leading Cause of Hospitalization⁴

Falls were the leading cause of injury-related hospitalization for Washington children 5-9 years old.



For prevention strategies, see chapters on motor vehicle occupant injury, injury due to falls, drowning, bicycle injury, pedestrian injury, suffocation, and fire and burn injuries.

² See Comparability Ratio section in Appendix D.

³ Water, space and air is defined by an injury associated with watercraft or aircraft, except those caused by drowning associated with boats.

⁴ Struck by or against an object is defined as an injury resulting from being struck by or striking against objects or persons.